

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE
Public Meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 2005**



**CITY HALL KIVA
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

CALL TO ORDER

The Budget Subcommittee Meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Subcommittee: Councilman Wayne Ecton, Chairman
Councilman Ron McCullagh
Councilman Kevin Osterman

Staff Present for Department Discussions:

Alan Rodbell, Chief of Police
Holly Christian, Police Budget Manager
Craig Clifford, Chief Financial Officer
Art Rullo, Budget Director
William McDonald, Fire Chief
Steve Randall, Assistant Fire Chief
Lisa Murphy, Accounting Director
Janet Cornell, Court Administrator
Judge Monte Morgan
Joe Bertoldo, City Attorney
Sue Mitrison,
Brad Gessner, Westworld General Manager
Jan Dolan, City Manager

This meeting was video-taped for those wishing to view in detail.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED FY 2005/06 BUDGET BY DEPARTMENT:

Police Department

Chief Rodbell and Holly Christian were present to give an overview of their budget. The top three priorities are technology, deployment, and strategic planning. Responding to questions from the subcommittee, further details were provided about District One having the largest workload, overtime dollars which will be eliminated, possibilities for photo radar on Highway 101, increases in drug enforcement, canine services, and fleet maintenance. In addition, Councilman Ecton requested information on the availability of officers to citizens who go to police stations after hours.

No public comment was received regarding this department.

Fire Department

Chief McDonald and Lisa Murphy were present to provide an overview of this budget. Highlights and recommendations included analysis of fire station locations, providing four-person engine and ladder company staffing in certain areas, participation in automatic aid, adding a third platoon to reduce the number of relief personnel needed, participation in regional communications assembly, automatic vehicle locators, technology improvements, installation of radio infrastructure system, improved outreach programs, and an emphasis on training. In response to a question, Chief McDonald clarified the EMS Coordinator and Captain would be responsible for maintaining the skill level of fire personnel. In another response, Ms. Murphy noted last year's adopted budget of \$5.8M was close to depletion, but recently additional funds had been approved for enhancements.

City Manager Jan Dolan clarified that no ambulance service has been budgeted and, in the future if a city firefighter/paramedic was requested on an ambulance by a provider, there would be no cost to the city or taxpayers.

Public comment:

Martha Ecton questioned if there would be a problem with automatic aid when an area near Kierland was developed and 50,000 or more people moved in. The Chief said he understood two more fire stations were proposed for northeast Phoenix.

City Court

Janet Cornell and Judge Morgan were present to discuss this budget. Increases were due to staffing and the addition of an electronic document managing system. The 'drivers' for the budget are traffic enforcement, photo radar enforcement, general population increases, and transient visitors. Responding to the subcommittee, it was estimated the cost would be about \$590,000 for court resources should photo radar be implemented on Highway 101.

No public comment was received regarding this department.

City Attorney

Joe Bertoldo and Sue Mitrisin provided an overview of this budget. In response to questions from the subcommittee, Mr. Bertoldo stated that Community Development created the most workload, there was a steady growth in prosecution cases, and contractual help was about 8% of the budget. Discussion was also held about other items to be used as performance criteria for staff.

No public comment was received regarding this department.

Westworld

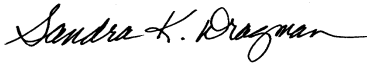
Brad Gessner noted there was not a lot of change from last year's budget. One position was to be upgraded to the Director level and one additional staff was being proposed. In addition, they were anticipating thirteen new events to be held at Westworld for next year, due to marketing efforts. In regard to a question regarding the Barrett Jackson Auto Show, Mr. Gessner said this budget did not include dollars to keep it at Westworld, but CIP projects would include that.

No public comment was received regarding this department.

MEETING SCHEDULE - The next public hearing is scheduled for March 30, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in the City Hall Kiva.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:41 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:



Sandy Dragman
Recording Secretary

Approved by the City Council Budget Subcommittee with changes on April 4, 2005.